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YOU'RE WELCOME TO UPLOAD THIS SCANLATION IN ANOTHER WEBSITE. BUT PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU DO THAT. THANKS

魁!!男塾
GUWA !!
YO... YOU DID IT- DATE ---!!
.....!!
YOU...YOU DEFEATED SHINKENJI OUGI MUKUOU ROUKAKU AND DEFEATED THAT JIN-SHOU GUU ---!!
I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT: THAT JINSHOU-SAMA IS .....!!

CHP. 288: THE FINAL OUGI: BAKUSHOU KEIHAN!!

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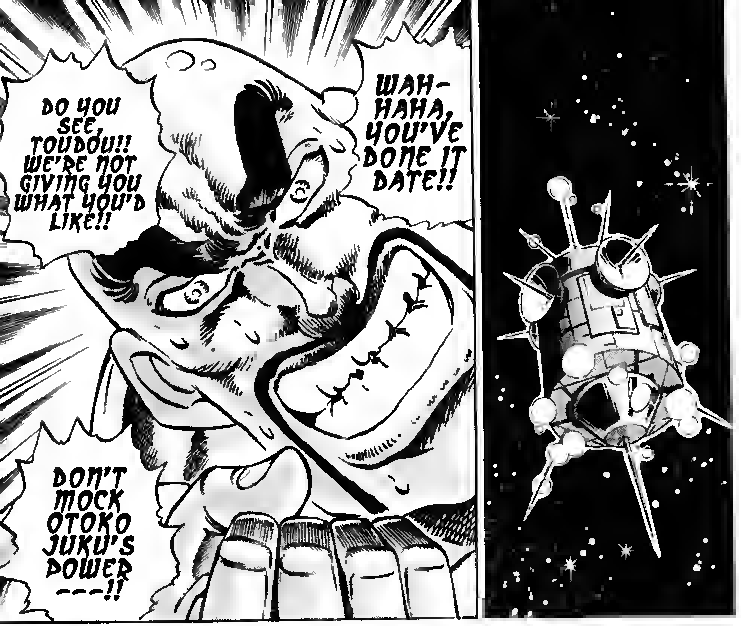
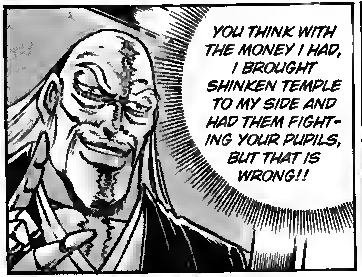
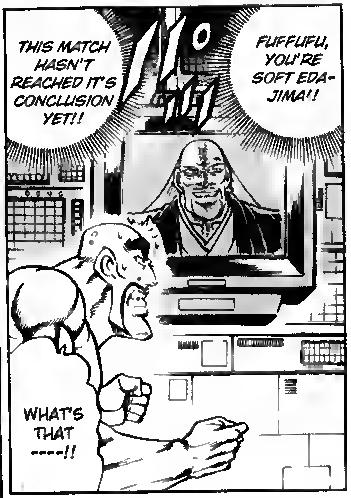

WAH-HAHA, YOU'VE DONE IT DATE!!
DO YOU SEE, TOUDOU!! WE'RE NOT GIVING YOU WHAT YOU'D LIKE!!
DON'T MOCK OTOKO JUKU'S POWER ---!!


YOU THINK WITH THE MONEY I HAD, I BROUGHT SHINKEN TEMPLE TO MY SIDE AND HAD THEM FIGHTING YOUR PUPILS, BUT THAT IS WRONG!!


THIS MATCH HASN'T REACHED IT'S CONCLUSION YET!!
FUFUFU, YOU'RE SOFT EDA-JIMA!!
WHAT'S THAT ----!!

DO YOU THINK I CAN MOVE THE HIGH-PRIDED SHINKEN TEMPLE, WHO POSSESSES THE OLDEST HISTORY IN CHINESE KENPOU, WITH MONEY!!
THINK ABOUT IT WELL.

THEY HAVE REASONS WHY THEY MUST FIGHT AT ALL COSTS.
THEY BET THEIR LIVES SO THEY CAN ANNIHILATE ALL OF YOU OF OTOKOJUKU!!
WH... WHAT!?
KUKKUKU, LET'S WATCH THEIR TENACITY!!
NUUU!!
TO... TOUDOU, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU.....!?
NOW!!

GE...GET THIS OUT!!
YOUR LIFE WILL BE SAVED IF YOU TAKE TREATMENT NOW.
DON'T MOVE.
nun!!
E...EVEN IF THIS BODY ROTS, I MUST DEFEAT YOU!!
I..I WON'T LOSE.....!!

TH...THAT GUY, HE...HE'S STILL GOING TO DO IT WITH THAT BODY?
HE ..HE HAS GREAT GUTS THOUGH AN ENEMY!!
.....!!
JINSHOU HAS ALREADY ABANDONED HIS LIFE.
TH...THIS SHINKEN TEMPLE IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM OUR ENEMIES UP TO NOW ....!!
I...I WILL SHOW YOU.
TH...THE FINAL OUGI IN...IN THIS WORLD OF JINSHOU...!!
FUN !!

TN: "BAKUSHOU KEIHAN" = "BURSTING-REMAINS TETHERING-MEAL"

HA!!

nuoo!!
WH... WHAT IS THAT!?
THAT JINSHOU IS SAYING THIS ATTACK HIS FINAL OUGI, BUT ISN'T THIS JUST ATTACK RECK-LESSLY?
NO, YOU'RE WRONG.....!!
CONCENTRATE YOUR EYES CLOSELY ON DATE'S BODY AND LOOK!!
HUH!?

SO...SOME THREAD-LIKE THING IS TWINED AROUND DATE'S BODY ----!!
WH... WHAT ---!!
YOU'VE SEALED MY MOVEMENTS WITH A STRING THAT YOU DREW OUT FROM THE BANDAGES ON YOUR ARMS.
UNDER-STOOD.
THAT WILL BE ENOUGH ALREADY.
BUT THIS IS JUST A THIN STRING.

YOU FOOL!! THAT'S JINKOU WIRE, WHICH HAS BEEN SHARPENED TO BE LIKE A BLADE!!
GU!!
YOU CAN'T MAKE EVEN ONE MOVEMENT!!
I'VE GOT YOU, DATE!!
GU!!
TN: "JINKOU OR "JINKOUSEN" = "BLADED-STEEL WIRE"

I...I WILL TELL YOU! BAKUSHOU KEIHAN IS THE WILL OF THE GUNPOWDER THAT I'VE ACCUMULATED IN MY BODY OVER THESE LONG YEARS OF TRAINING!!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE BLOWN UP, BECOMING A TRAVEL-COMPANION TO HELL TOGETHER WITH ME!!
I CAN'T MAKE A MOVEMENT, BUT YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING EITHER WITH THAT STANCE!!
YOU'VE GOTTEN ME...!?

NOW THIS IS THE ONLY REMAINING METHOD THAT I CAN DEFEAT YOU!!
WHAT'S THAT!?
GU...GUNPOWDER IS STACKED WITHIN JINSHOU'S BODY!!
WH...WHAT--- GU...GUNPOWDER ---!!

BAKUSHOU KEIHAN...A ONCE IN A LIFETIME FINAL OUGI WITH AN OBJECTIVE OF HAVING AN OPPONENT AS A FELLOW TRAVELER WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN DEFEAT AND ARE PREPARED TO DIE IN A SEVERE CHINESE KENPOU. THE USER OF THIS OUGI MIXES INTO THEIR THREE DISHES / A FINE POWDER OF AN INDIGESTIBLE-TYPE OF BAKUKA SALTPETER FROM CHILDHOOD AND SINCE THEN, UNTIL THEY BECOME AN ADULT, ACCUMULATE IT LITTLE BY LITTLE INTO THEIR BODY.
AND THEN, AT THE CRITICAL EMERGENCY MOMENT, THEY CRUNCH ON AN IGNITING MAGNESIUM THAT THEY'VE PREPARED IN THEIR BACK TEETH; IT CAUSES A CHEMICAL REACTION TO THE GUNPOWDER IN THE BODY AND WILL HAVE THEM EXPLODE TOGETHER WITH THEIR OPPONENT.
USUALLY, THEY SEAL THE MOVEMENTS OF THEIR OPPONENT WITH JINKOU WIRE AS A MEANS OF UNITING WITH THEIR ENEMY. INCIDENTALLY EVEN IN THE PRESENT, THERE'S WHAT'S CALLED "KAYAKUGOHAN" FOR RICE MIXTURES, BUT IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IT'S SOURCE IS THE GUNPOWDER MIXED INTO THE RICE BY THE AFORE-MENTIONED TRAINEES.
– A DISCUSSION WITH MORITA SHINNOSUKE, MUSEC CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN AKEBOUSHI HOUKAI MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATION
WE...WELL, YOU SHOULD START SAY YOUR PRAYERS.
N...NOW OUR LIVES HAS ABOUT 10 SECONDS LEFT.....!!

UOO, CA...CAN'T HE COME TO DO SOME-THING, MOMO---!!
WI...WITH THAT, DATE WILL BE BLOWN UP TO BE A TRAVEL COMPAN-ION FOR HIM---!!
EI..EIGHT SECONDS LEFT!!

WH... WHAT!?
JINSHOU IS BEARING A SEVERE WOUNDS NOW, DATE SHOULD ESCAPE BY FORCE FROM THAT STANCE!!
N. .NO, THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE

!?
SI..SIX SECONDS LEFT!!

I SAY THERE IS EVEN A TEN-THOUSAND TO ONE CHANCE AND YET
WHY HAVEN'T I STRUGGLE EVEN A BIT!!
HA...HAVE YOU ALREADY ACCEPTED THIS!!
WE'VE REACHED THIS POINT AND YOU STILL CALM!?
WHY?
!!
MY SPEAR CAN'T KILL A WOMAN!!
THE ANSWER SHOULD BE KNOWN BY YOU THE BEST.....!!

WHA!!
A... WOMAN ---!!
JI... JINSHOU IS A... WOMAN ---!!
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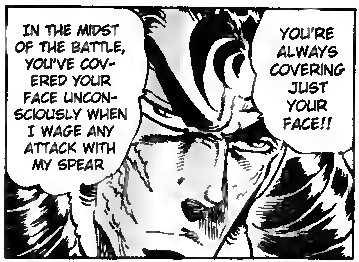
IN THE MIDST OF THE BATTLE, YOU'VE COVERED YOUR FACE UNCONSCIOUSLY WHEN I WAGE ANY ATTACK WITH MY SPEAR
YOU'RE ALWAYS COVERING JUST YOUR FACE!!

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HO...HOW DID YOU GET THAT .....!!
Y...YOU IDIOT...!!
Y...YOU SHOULDN'T KNOW FROM MY OUTWARD APPEARANCE AND YET ....!!

THEN, WERE YOU INTENTIONALLY AVOIDING MY VITALS.....!!
Y...YOU, BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN.....
THAT IS A THING CALLED THE WAYS OF WOMEN.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRAINING YOU STACK ON AND CLOSE IN BEING A MAN, YOU ARE A WOMAN AFTER ALL...!!
FOR A WOMAN, THERE IS THE HAPPINESS OF A WOMAN.
THIS TIME, WHEN YOU ARE REBORN, DO NOT CHOOSE THE WAY OF THE FIST.
DA... DATE ---!!
TWO SEC-ONDS!!
THREE SEC-ONDS LEFT!!

NA!!
UH!!
FO... FORGIVE ME, KENNOU !!
!!

GAFU!!
JI... JIN-SHOU !!
WH... WHAT ---!!

JI... JINSHOU .....!!
BU...BUT, YOU ACKNOWLEDGED ME AS A WOMAN.....
I...ABANDONED BEING A WOMAN AND FORGOT HOW TO BE A WOMAN.
I REMEMBERED THE THING THAT IS WOMAN .....
A... AND .....

TH... THANK YOU, DATE...
I...I WON'T FORGET YOU...
JINSHOU .....!!
YOU WERE A GOOD WOMAN.....!!

TN:

SO...UM... UH...WELL ..UM...UH .....

THERE REALLY IS NOTHING ONE CAN SAY AFTER THE END OF .THIS. THIS CHAPTER PROBABLY HAS ONE OF THE MOST BIZARRE, OUT OF NOWHERE, INSANE, UNEXPLAINABLE REVELATIONS YOU COULD EVER HAVE IN A SERIES LIKE THIS...AND IT'S ONE THAT JUST COMPLETELY TOOK EVEN ME BY SURPRISE! I MEAN. .COME ON. JINSHOU WAS A FEMALE AFTER ALL THAT!? THAT'S WHY DATE "WENT EASY" ON HER!? THAT'S WHY HE DID ALL THAT AND WAS OFF HIS GAME INSTEAD OF JUST KICKING HER BUTT FROM HERE TO KINGDOM COME!?

OK, I GET THERE ARE MANY SCENARIOS WHERE WOMEN WANT TO BE LIKE MEN AND LITERALLY GO THROUGH EVERYTHING TO HIDE THEIR GENDER. I KNOW AS WELL OF TRANSGENDERED FEMALES AND SO ON BUT. THIS CHAPTER MAKES NO SENSE WHATSOEVER REGARDLESS! THE WHOLE "JINSHOU'S A WOMAN" REVELATION JUST COMES IN FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, USING SOME SORT OF ATTRIBUTE THAT, LOOKING BACK, DIDN'T EVEN SEEM TO SHOW ITSELF AT ALL AT ANY POINT IN THE FIGHT! THIS ISN'T LIKE THE AWESOMENESS OF GEKKOU BEING BLIND BECAUSE ..GEKKOU BEING BLIND WAS HINTED AT WAY BACK IN THE PAAREN SEIHA WITH HIS MAIN SHINKEN BEING CALLED THE "WALK-STYLE". (EVEN IF HE DOESN'T SEEM BLIND AND IT SEEMED EXTREMELY SITUATIONAL)

NOW LET ME ASK YOU THIS: DID ANYONE SEE JINSHOU "COVER HER FACE LIKE A WOMAN WOULD" IN COMBAT AT ANY POINT IN THIS FIGHT? HONESTLY, I DIDN'T SEE IT. .AT ALL! JINSHOU ACTED LIKE ANYONE ELSE AND DID WHAT ANY MAN WOULD DO AT ALL TIMES.. AND JUST SUDDENLY CHANGED PERSPECTIVES AT THE END BECAUSE OF THE WHOLE "HE'S A SHE AND NOW SHE CAN BE TALKED OUT OF KILLING DATE". AND LET'S NOT GET STARTED ON THE WHOLE "WOMEN CAN'T FIGHT OR USE KENPOU" BIT, SINCE MIYASHITA DIDN'T EVEN TRY UNTIL NOW AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF MANGA (WELL MOSTLY AFTER THIS ERA BUT EVEN SORT OF ATTEMPTS PRIOR TO HIM WITH ONE OR TWO OF THE CHARACTERS FROM "HOKUTO NO KEN" OR "SAINT SEIYA") WHERE WOMEN ARE STRONG AND CAPABLE OF KICKING BUTT WHEN THEY NEED TO.

THE TRUTH IS THAT MIYASHITA NEVER EVEN TRIED TO MAKE FEMALES RACE RELEVANT AT ALL IN THIS SERIES (OUTSIDE VOL. 1-2 IN THE GAG STUFF) AND JUST GOT WAY TOO MUCH IN THE HABIT OF DRAWING BISHONEN AND CROSSDRESSERS (LIKE THE ONE P - S FIGHTER DATE FOUGHT WITH THE CROWS) THAT HE HAS TO MAKE THE ONLY FEMALE FIGHTER IN THIS SERIES AS MANLY AS EVERYONE ELSE WITH MUSCLES AND A MANLY FACE AND EVERYTHING.

I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OF YOU WHO PROBABLY LOVE THIS PLOT TWIST IN THIS FIGHT, BUT SOMEHOW AS A MAN WHO RESPECTS FEMALES (AND CERTAIN KINDS OF FEMALES. WELL ALL KINDS BUT. NEVER MIND), I FEEL OFFENDED BY THIS CHAPTER AND THIS PLOT TWIST. IT JUST CAME OUT OF NOWHERE FOR SHOCK VALUE AND WAS USED IN A WAY THAT JUST DIDN'T..REALLY FEEL RIGHT IN MY HEAD. IF YOU LIKED THIS, THEN MORE POWER TO YOU. .BUT I JUST FEEL SO DIRTY AND WANT TO WASH ALL THIS AWAY. PREFERABLY WITH A NUDE CHAPTER BUT SOMEHOW I WAS FORCED TO PUT THAT ON HOLD FOR TODAY TO GET THROUGH ..UH...THIS AT LEAST IT'S OVER NOW...

I...I DON'T BELIEVE THIS. TH...THAT JINSHOU WAS A WOMAN ...!!
N...NO WAY, SHE REALLY WAS A WOMAN .....!!
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.....!!
FU, A WOMAN IS A WOMAN AFTER ALL.
IN THE END, SHE SHOW HER SOFT-NESS.
I ASK OF YOU, GISHOU!!
TAINTING THE NAME OF OUR SHINKEN TEMPLE ANY FURTHER THAN WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN BY ANY MEANS!!

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HE...HE'S A DREADFUL MAN.
GI... GISHOU-SAMA .....!!
BESIDES, HIS ANGER FOR THE DEFEAT OF JINSHOU-SAMA, WHO HE LOVED LIKE HIS OWN LITTLE SISTER, IS TREMENDOUS .....!!
A. .AND FURTHERMORE, WHAT IS THAT EERIE SPIDER TATTOO ON HIS BACK .....!!
HE...HE'S THE 2ND ENEMY OF SHINKEN TEMPLE .....!!

HUH!?
LE... LEAVE HIM TO ME!!

YES.
A TREMENDOUS FIGHTING SPIRIT EMITTED FROM HIS WHOLE BODY ...!!

WH... WHAT ---!!
TO HAKUHOU, THE FORMER HEAD OF RYOUZAN-PAKU---!!
HA... HAKUHOU ---!!

IN...IN SPITE OF HIM VIOLENTLY TREMBLING BY JUST HEARING THE NAME OF SHINKEN TEMPLE WHEN WE CAME TO HERE----!!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG WI...WITH HIM---!!

I WATCHED DATE'S MATCH AND UNDER-STOOD:
THEY TOO ARE HUMANS, THE SAME AS US.
I'D BE EM-BARRASSED WITH MYSELF TO HAVE NIGHTMARES WITHOUT EVEN FIGHTING THEM
HEH, THAT WAS AN OLD STORY.
HA...HA KUHOU .....!!
I...I'M A HUN-DRED TIMES MORE ENER-GETIC FROM DRINKING THIS---!!
PUHA----!! THIS IS HUNDRED-YEAR OLD HUANGJIU THAT'S LIKE LIGHT-ING ON FIRE---!!

TN: "HUANG-JIU" ALSO KNOWN AS "LAOJIU" -"THE NAME USED IN THIS CHAPTER-: IS A CHINESE LIQUOR BREWED FROM RICE, MILLET AND WHEAT AND GENERALLY UNDER 20% ALCOHOL CONTENT. IT IS EITHER DIRECTLY DRUNK OR USED IN CHINESE COOKING. IT LITER-ALLY TRANSLATES FROM THE CHINESE INTO "YELLOW WINE"

BOUZU, YOU SEEM TO HAVE QUITE SELF-PRIDE WITH YOUR TAI-JUTSU
WELL, COME AT ME FROM ANYWHERE ----!!
TH...THE REAL BOUZU IS YOU!!
WH... WHAT IS WITH THE BOUZU ----!!

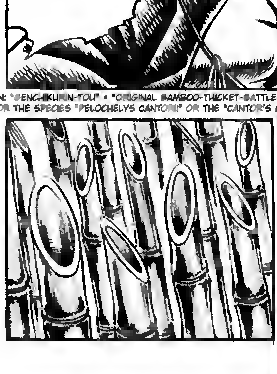
BOUZU=BOY,MONK OR BALD/CREW-CUT

KENNOU !!
Futu, fine, do as you like!!
HOW ABOUT WE UNDER-TAKE THAT!?
THERE IS A UNIQUE BATTLE METHOD WHERE WE CAN COM-PETE WITH THE UTMOST LIMITS OF TAIJUTSU IN SHINKEN TEMPLE.

!?
WH...
WHAT
---!!

THIS IS SHINKEN TEMPLE'S "GENCHI-KURIN-TOU"!!
IT--IT CAN'T BE... TH...THEY'RE FIGHTING ON THOSE---!!
UOO, A...A BAMBOO-THICKET HAS SUDDENLY APPEARED FROM THE GROUND---!!

TN: "GENCHI-KURIN-TOU" = "ORIGINAL BAMBOO-THICKET-BATTLE". IN PARTICULAR, THE "GEN" IS SUPPOSED TO BE "ORIGINAL". BUT THE KANJI FOR IT IS ALSO USED FOR THE SPECIES "PELOCHELYS CANTORII" OR THE "CANTOR'S GIANT SOFT-SHELLED TURTLE", AN ENDANGERED TURTLE LIVING THROUGHOUT THE COASTS OF ASIA



WELL, WHAT'S WRONG?
IT CAN'T BE THAT YOU'VE LOSS YOUR NERVE!!
HA!!
OOH!!
WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY!! JUST WAIT THERE ---!!
SOR YAA!!

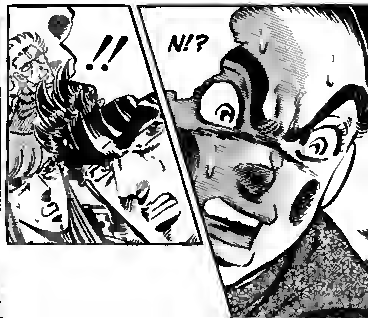
KU...HO... HOW HIGH IS THAT .....!!
A...AND ON THIS UNSTABLE FOOTHOLD .....!!
.....
!!
YOU MOCK-ING ME AND LOOKING DOWN ON ME WITH THOSE ABSURD EYES---!!
SH...SHUT UP! YOU THINK I WILL QUIETLY ACCEPT ALL THIS THING ----!!
COME !!

TN: "TE" IS "KICK" IN THE KANJI

WH... WHAT--!! HE...HE'S FLOAT-ING--!!
GISHOU STOPPED IN MIDAIR IN FRONT OF THE BAMBOO SPEARS ON THE GROUND AND IS FLOAT-ING---!!

OOH, I...DID IT---!!

I...I ENDED THE MATCH WITH ONE BLOW AND STRIKE HIS BIG MOUTH JUST LIKE THAT.....!!
KAKAK-KAKA, WH...WHAT; WASN'T IT EASY---!!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N!?

EEK!!
I...IMPOSS IBLE---!! N...NOW HE'S FLOATING IN A POS- TURE LIKE THAT---!!
W...WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU...!?
NOW IT'S MY TURN.
OKAY!!

LET ME SHOW YOU THIS SECRET OUGI OF SHINKEN TEMPLE!!
WH...WHAT'S DECIDED WITH JUST YOUR ARMS WAVING AROUND ----!!
WH... WHAT'S THAT ---!?
YOUR DESTINY IS DECIDED WITH THIS!!

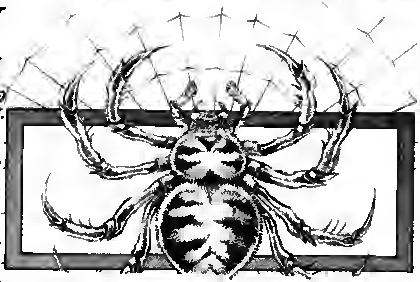
!!
YOU'RE JUST BLUFFING ---!!
WHERE IS THIS SECRET OUGI OF SHINKEN TEMPLE ----!!
IT...CAN'T BE, THAT'S!!
D...DON'T, HAKUHOU ---!!
UH!!
HUH!?

WH... WHAT IS TH... THIS ---!?
I'VE CAUGHT YOU.
NOW IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE FOR YOU .....!!
A...A SPIDER WEB ---!!
HA... HAKUHOU IS CAUGHT IN A SPIDER WEB----!!

NUOO, I...I CAN'T GET OUT ---!!
IN...SPITE OF THESE SLENDER THREADS ---!!
FUFU, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
LOOK CLOSELY AT MY BACK!!
WH... WHAT'S THAT ----!!
A...A**HOLE ----!! WHEN YOU SET THIS STRING ---!!
TH... THE SPIDER ----!! THE TATTOO SPIDER IS MOVING ---!!
GUO!!

TN: "TENRIN CHISOU" IS "FEW OF HEAVEN SPIDER WEB."

THE SPIDER THAT IS UTILIZED IS A CARNIVOROUS ONE CALLED THE KINSEI SPIDER, WHICH IS SAID TO LIVE ONLY ON MT. SAKURO IN CHINA'S SHANDONG PROVINCE; THE STRINGS SENT OUT FROM ITS BODY COMBINES THE STRENGTH THAT EQUALS PIANO WIRE AND ADHESIVE POWER EQUAL TO INSTANT GLUE.



TENRIN CHISOU... THERE ARE VERY MANY ITEMS WHERE WILD ANIMALS, INSECTS AND REPTILES ARE RAISED AND TRAINED, MADE INTO UNIQUE TECHNIQUES AND PERFECTED IN CHINESE KENPOU, BUT THIS OUGI IS ONE OF THEM.

ITS NATURE IS TO BE PEERLESSLY FEROCIOUS TO ITS ENEMY THAT HAS BEEN SENT DOWN THE ATTACK ORDER FOR, WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY LOYALTY ONLY TO IT'S OWNER; ONCE YOU ARE CAUGHT IN IT'S WEB, YOU CAN ABSOLUTELY NOT ESCAPE FROM IT. IT HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THERE HAS YET TO BE A PERSON WHO HAS SLIPPED OUT FROM THIS OUGI. BY THE WAY; IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE CALLING OF SPIDERS AS "SPIDER" IN ENGLISH IS A THING WHERE WESTERN MARTIAL ARTS WHO HADN'T MASTERED THIS OUGI AND CHALLENGED TRAINING THE SPIDERS ENDED UP FAILING AND THE WORD "SHIPPAI DA" WHICH WAS EMITTED AT THE TIME CHANGED INTO "SUPPAIDA"- "SPIDER".

- A DISCUSSION WITH MORITA SHINNOSUKE, BOARD CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN AKEBOUSHI HOURAI MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATION

WELL, THIS IS THE PREY TAKEN BY YOU.
YOU SHOULD EAT HIM TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!!
HI!!
UWAAA, ST... STOP ---!!
Y...YOUR STOMACH WILL BE SICK IF YOU EAT ME ---!!

TN:

This really felt a lot like a very win-lose chapter to me from how it was performed and what happened in it. On one hand, I really like that Hakuhou got another match so soon after his battle with the crocodile master back in the first tusk, as the kid of the Otokojuku forces and with the skill he possesses, it's fun seeing him in action with his rambunctious behavior and the weird battles he seems to bring out.

But as great as another Hakuhou fight is...the problem is that likewise takes away a battle that could have gone to someone else. We're so close now to the end of the series and stuck with several characters who haven't seen had one match (see Raiden or the Ganohara leader) that giving another one so quickly to Hakuhou either seemed like desperation ..or just Miyashita relenting on wanting to do one more fun, weird match before things got too far with the way the seven tusks have gotten.

But hey, as negative as it feels, this was a fun chapter. Besides, it's him and Gishou on a bamboo thicket with a spider who thought it was a tattoo...if that doesn't fit Otokojuku, I don't know what does.

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CHP. 290: "CHOUGI" STRIKES BACK!!

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TN: "CHOUGI" THE NAME OF GISHOU'S SPIDER, HAS A LITERAL TRANSLATION OF "STRETCHING JUSTICE/MORALITY"

THERE HASN'T BEEN ONE PERSON WHO CAN ESCAPE FROM THAT WEB NET.
RESIGN.
FIRST YOU'LL BE STABBED HIS POISON NEEDLES AND THEN HE'LL SLOWLY EAT HIS PREY
FUFU,THAT SPIDER "CHOUGI" IS POISONOUS.
HA... HAKU HOU ---!!

HI... HUA --!!
UOO--!! DO... DON'T COME-
!?
EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW THE TERROR YET.....
FU, HE'S PEEING IN HIS PANT.

HO...HOWEVER SCARED I AM, I WILL NEVER PEEING MY SELF LIKE AN IDIOT---!!
DO... DON'T MOCK ME---!!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
A MATCH .....!?
THERE ---!!

BURN, MASTER SPIDER ---!!
GUAHA-HAHA, AS EXPECTED, YOU CAN'T BARE THIS ---!!
!!
WH...WHAT ---!! HE CAUGHT FIRE TO THE SPIDER WEB---!!

HAA !!
WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS URINE WAS THIS HUANGJIU, AN ALCOHOL THAT LITERALLY CATCHES FIRE AT A FREQUENCY OF 70 DEGREES!!
KAK-KAKA, I ESCAPED WITH THIS THING ----!!
RI...RIGHT; HE DRANK THAT FOR CHEERING UP WHEN HE WENT OUT THERE .....!!
S...SO, THAT'S WHAT HE DOING, THAT HAKUHOU.
YOU .....!!

HE... HEY, MASTER SPIDER!!
HOW DARE YOU LOOK DOWN ON ME WITH THOSE EYES---!!
FIRST I'M SETTLING THIS FROM YOU---!!
IDIOTS GET CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT.
DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF VICTORY IN THIS GENCHIKURINTOU, A PLAYGROUND FOR "CHOUGI" ?
KU!!
UH!!

A... A**HOLE--!! THIS SPIDER IS AN AB-NORMALLY NIMBLE ----!!
SHOW HIM, "CHOUGI"
YOUR NEXT SECRET TECH-NIQUE!!
WH.. WHAT!! THE NEXT SECRET TECH-NIQUE--!!
HUH!?

TN: "KAIRIN CHIBAKU" = "FEW-ROTATION SPIDER-BIND"

TH... THAT'S .....!!
HMM, THAT MUCH IS FINE.
TH...THAT SPIDER SPUN WHILE SENDING OUT COUNT-LESS THREADS, BINDING HAKUHOU---!!
WH... WHAT IS TH... THAT ---!!
NO... HOLD ON A MOMENT, HEY.
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR TAI-JUTSU WITH THAT STATE.
THAT'S MATCH.

D...DAMN YOU, HOW CAN I FIGHT IN THIS SITUATION ---!!
I...I TOLD YOU TO HOLD ON ---!!

UOO, TH...THIS IS BAD. HAKU-HOU'S IN A PINCH ---!!
SOONER OR LATER, HE WILL DIE IF NOTHING CHANGE ---!!
IF YOU TAKE EVEN A STAB, YOU'LL DIE IN-STANTLY.
FU. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE POISON NEEDLES.

OWA!!
UWA AA ——!!
HA... HAKU HOU ——!!
NUN!!

TH...THE SPIDER IS HEAD-LONG AIMING FOR HAKUHOU ----!!
UOO, N...NOW IS A DES-PERATE SITUATION ----!!
END THIS, "CHOUGI" !!
FUGA !!
!!

BU...BUT IN THAT CONDITION .....
CL...CLEVER: HE PULLED OUT A BAMBOO SPEAR WITH HIS MOUTH AND SENT THAT SPIDER AWAY---!!
YOU'RE A STUBBORN YOUNGSTER DISPITE OF THAT SMALL BODY.
BUT YOU CAN'T USE THAT TRICK AGAIN.
I HAVE TOLD YOU TO NOT MOCK ME.
HEH, YOU STILL SAY THAT?
WHAT'S THAT!?
L...LOOK CLOSELY AT YOUR DEAR SPIDER-CHAN

WH... WHAT ---!!
KRAK
I...IN THE SPIDER'S BUTT.....
HA... HAKUHOU'S ALCOHOL GOURD IS STUCK IN THERE...!!
.....!!

FU, YOU THOUGHT UP A COMPLETELY ABSURD THING, YOUNGSTER.
SPEAKING FROM THE NATURE OF THE SPIDER, IF THEY TAKE AN ATTACK FROM UP IN A STRAIGHT LINE, THEN IT'S NATURAL THEY'D RUN UP THE SAME STRAIGHT LINE AGAIN .....
FUFU. I SET THIS UP ON THE VERGE OF FALLING DOWN
IF I TAKE THIS OUT, THIS WON'T HAVE ANY MEANING!!
BUT WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU TRYING TO DO!?
IN OTHER WORD, I FELL TO HERE ON PURPOSE!!
!!
THAT STRONG HUANGJIU, .!! IT'S QUITE A THING WHETHER YOU DRINK IT FROM THE MOUTH OR FROM A BUTT HOLE!!
HEHEHE, DON'T YOU GET IT~~~

TH...THAT SPIDER: HE'S DRUNK AND STARTING TO DANCE ON TOP OF GISHOU'S HEAD----!!
UWAH-HAHA, L...LOOK AT THAT---!!
TH...THAT IDIOT.....!! I'VE TAKEN THIS TERRIBLE SHAME .....!!
ISN'T THAT GREAT, GISHOU: YOU'VE GROWN HAIR ON YOUR HEAD---!!
NOW HE'S GOING TO SLEEP ---!!

I DON'T NEED YOU ANY-MORE!!
AAH, WH... WHAT A GUY HE IS ---!!
SLASHING AT YOUR OWN SPIDER AND DROPPING IT DOWN ---!!
KUU !!

SAVING THAT ONE INSECT WITH YOUR OWN BODY...IN SPITE OF IT BEING AN ENEMY WHO WAS ON THE VERGE OF KILLING YOU.....
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!?
HA... HAKU HOU ---!!
AN...AND YET, Y...YOU, WHO DO NOTHING .....!!
HE..HE WAS...HE HAD COME TO FIGHT BETTING HIS LIFE
THIS IS TOO CRUEL TO HIM...!!
CR.. CRUEL .....
I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU---!! YOU'RE A GUY WHO IS BELOW AN INSECT ----!!

DO... DON'T DIE, MASTER SPIDER!!
BE...BECAUSE I'M CERTAIN I'LL TAKE YOUR FOE!!
GUKU!!
珍義・體透轟!!の巻
YOU'RE NOISY ----!!
YOU'RE UNFORGIVABLE BRUTE---!! YOU'LL REALIZE WHAT WILL COME OF YOU WHEN I GET SERIOUSLY ANGRY---!!
THE NEXT TO BE LIKE THAT WILL BE YOU.
FU: HURRY ON UP, YOUNGSTER.

珍義・體透轟!!

CHP. 291: FUNNY JUSTICE - の巻

TAITOUKI!!

I DON'T HAVE THE FREE TIME TO BE CONCERNED WITH YOU ANY FURTHER.
THE SUN HAS SET CONSIDERABLY.
THAT GUY IS DOING SOMETHING BY PULLING OUT THAT BAMBOO--!!
TH.. THAT'S!?
WH... WHAT ---!!
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!!
GISHOU-SAMA'S SPECIAL TECHNIQUE ...!!
IT... IT'S COMING OUT...!!

TN: "HENGAI RENCHIKU" = "STRANGE-MORTAR CONNECTED-BAMBOO"
SHINKENJI OUGI: HENGAI REN-CHIKU!!
TH...THAT GUY, HE'S ROTATING IT TREMEN-DOUSLY FAST--!!
WH.. WHAT---!! S...SUDDENLY THE BAMBOO HAS BRANCHED OFF WITH JOINTS AND BECAME NUNCHUCK-LIKE THINGS---!!
!!

OOH !!
HA !!
YOUNGSTER, CAN YOU SEE ALL OF ITS EVER-CHANGING MOVEMENTS!!
THESE AREN'T JUST A LONG NUN-CHUCKS !!
HUH!!

NUGUGU !!
GUWA !!
HA... HAKU HOU ---!!
KU!!
HA --!!

UO!!
GAHA !!
HOW'S THAT, HAVE YOU REALIZED YOUNG-STER---!!
THERE ISN'T A WAY YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM THIS SPECIAL OUGI HENGAI RENCHIKU!!!
I...I WILL SHOW YOU A THING CALLED A TRUE OUGI FROM HERE!!
HEH, DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH. A SPE-CIAL OUGI OF THIS DEGREE, WHAT'S THAT?
!?
HA... HAKUHOU ...!!
WHAT'S THAT!?

HERE WE GO!!
!?
RYOUZAN-PAKU HIOUGI: TAITOUKI!!
TN: "TAITOUKI" = "TRANSPARENT-OBJECT REINS"
AH~~~ WH... WHAT'S WITH THAT HAKUHOU ~~!!
HE'S SUDDENLY SHOWING HIS WIENER, COVERING HIS BODY WITH THE CLOTHES HE'S WEARING AND SQUATTING DOWN~~~!!

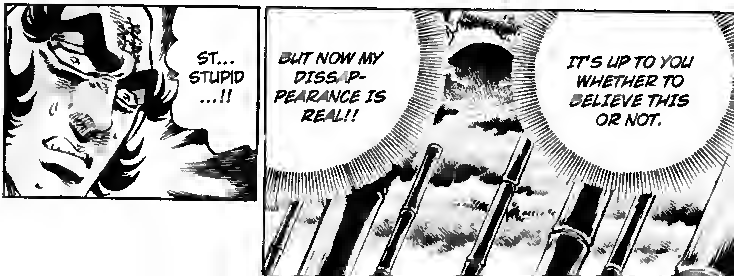
IS TAITOUKI MERELY JUST BEING PATIENT AND SQUATTING DOWN LIKE THAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING WITH THAT!?
I'M PUTTING AN END TO THIS NONSENSE ----!!
.....!!
!?
HA...HA KUHOU ----!!

JU...JUST HIS CLOTHES .....!?
WH... WHAT ...!?
!!
HE... DISAP-PEARED ...!!

HA... HAKUHOU DISAP-PEARED ----!?
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN HIDE HIS BODY IN THE BAMBOO THICKET!!
ST... STUPID, THIS IS ...!!
WHERE ARE YOU ---!!
WH... WHERE ARE YOU ---!!
BUT THIS BLOOD-THIRST ...!!

FUFFUFU, THIS IS A SUPREME OUGI IN CHINESE KENPOU: TAI-TOUKI!!
MY BODY NOW HAS BECOME AIR!!
!!
WH... WHAT---!! AIR---!!

A HUMAN'S BODY IS ALL KNOWN TO CONSIST OF CELLS, INCLUDING MUSCLE, BONE AND BLOOD.
AT THE END OF LONG TRAINING, I'VE MASTERED AN ART WHERE I CAN LEAVE BEHIND MY WILL AND VAPORIZE MY CELLS, AND HAVE THEM RETURN BY RAISING THE KI OF MY ENTIRE BODY.


IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER TO BELIEVE THIS OR NOT.
BUT NOW MY DISSAP-PEARANCE IS REAL!!
ST... STUPID ...!!

COME OUT AND FIGHT ---!!
NUUU, COME OUT ---!!
HA... HAKUHOU .....!!
I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT: TH...THAT HAKUHOU IS A USER OF THIS AMAZING OUGI...!!
HEHHEHE, IT'S USELESS, USELESS!!
I'M NOT IN THAT PLACE!!
HOW'S THAT, SCARED---!!
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T SEE MY BODY, I CAN SEE YOU.
I CAN ATTACK YOU AT ANY TIME.

WAHA-HAHA--!! DO... DON'T JOKE WITH ME ---!!
WH...WHO WILL LOWER THEIR HEAD TO AN ARACHNID ---!!
APOLOGY TO YOUR PITIFUL MASTER SPIDER.
BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A FINAL CHANCE!!
.....
NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT!!
IF YOU DO, I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE!!
SO DIE!!
!!

UGA!!
UO ---!!
GAG UA!!
L... LOOK, TH-TH... THAT'S!!

KAKKAKA, YOU'RE AN IDIOT---!!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN DISASSEMBLE YOUR CELLS EVEN WITH THAT TRAINING---!!
THIS IS DYE!!
I JUST DREW A PICTURE OF THE SUNSET AND THE BAMBOO ON MY BODY AND STOOD HERE!!

TAITOUKI...IT IS WELL KNOWN IN MOVIES AND NOVELS, THAT THE NINJAS OF JAPAN CONCEAL THEIR OWN BODIES WITH A CLOTH DRAWN WITH STONES AND TREES, ASSIMILATING WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS AND SCENERY AND HIDING THEIR BODIES. IN CHINESE KENPOU, YOU DRAW THE SCENERY YOU SHOULD ASSIMILATE WITH ONTO A THING THAT'S YOUR OWN BODY AND CHANGING INTO A MIMICKING BODY. NATURALLY, THOSE WHO HAVE MASTERED THIS TECHNIQUE ARE DEMANDED TO HAVING THE AGILITY OF A WRITING BRUSH IN THE MIDST OF A BATTLE WITH SUPERIOR PICTURE-LIKE TALENT. THOSE INITIATED INTO THE OUGI ORDINARILY HAVE HIDDEN TEN TO TWELVE DYES AND PAINTS IN THEIR POCKETS. INCIDENTALLY, A THEORY IS PROMINENT THAT THE JUNGLE (EDITION NOTE: CHANGE IT TO "GENRE") THAT CAME TO BE BODY PAINTING, WHERE YOUR OWN BODY IS A CANVAS DURING THE SHOWY PERIOD OF THE PSYCHEDELIC MOVEMENT IN THE END OF THE 1960S, HAS ITS ORIGIN OF ITS NAME FROM BOUPEN TENGU, WHO WAS SAID TO BE THIS OUGI'S ULTIMATE MASTER.

- A DISCUSSION WITH MORITA SHINNOSUKE, BOARD CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN AIKIBOUJUTSU HOUJAI MARTIAL ART'S ORGANIZATION -

IT'S A GOOD USAGE OF THE SETTING SUN'S BACKLIGHT!!

HEH, I COULD DO IT DUE THE SUN SETTING.

.....!!

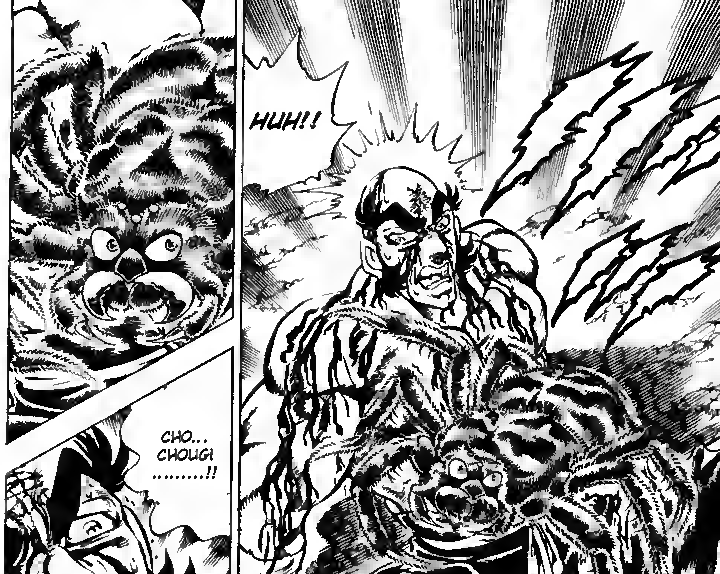
TN: THE PART ABOUT "CHANGE TO GENRE" IS AN INTENTIONAL JOKE OR MISTAKE APPARENTLY WHOEVER WROTE IT OFF THEIR DISCUSSION WITH SHINNOSUKE WROTE IT AS "JUNGLE" AS OPPOSED TO "GENRE"

IT'S OVER---!! NOW YOU CAN'T FIGHT WITH THAT BODY---!!

!!

Y...YOU .....!!

GUKU!!


HUH!!
CHO... CHOUG! .....!!

MASTER SPIDER .....
.....
Y... YOU .....
ARE ..ARE YOU PRO-TECTING ME WHO GOING TO GET KILLED .....!!

I'VE BEEN COMPLETELY DEFEATED.....!!
S...SO, FINISH ME OFF.....
I...I WAS BAD...!!
FO... FORGIVE ME, CHOUGI .....!!
DAMN, WHERE DID I DROP THEM~~!?
IT WAS AROUND HERE
THAT'S GOOD. MASTER SPIDER IS A VALUABLE THING.

TN:

WELL, YOU HAVE TO LEAVE IT TO THIS BATTLE TO TEACH US ONE THING: EVEN WHEN THE SERIES SEEMS TO BE FALLING APART, THERE ARE STILL GREAT MOMENTS WHERE MIYASHITA CAN HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. SOMEHOW THE PART ABOUT HAKUHOU MAKING FUN OF GISHOU BY CLAIMING HE MASTERED A TECHNIQUE TO TURN INTO WATER VAPOR THROUGH THE USAGE OF KI IS PROBABLY UP THERE WITH SOME OF THE BEST "DECEPTION MOMENTS" IN OTOKOJUKU (SEE DATE'S "URO YAKENUKMA" FOR THE KING OF THEM ALL).

YEAH, THERE ARE KI MASTERS, BUT MAKING GISHOU LOSE HIS COOL TO A BIT OF WEIRD CAMOFLAUGE WAS A HILARIOUS BIT, EVEN IF I HAD TO BLOCK OUT SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE KID TAKING OFF HIS UNDERWEAR. SOMEHOW, THOUGH, I FOUND THE SURVIVAL OF CHOUGI WAS A BIT WEIRD SINCE IT DID SEEM LIKE GISHOU SQUASHED HIM, BUT IT WAS ULTIMATELY HARMLESS TO THE CHAPTER AND DID NOTHING TO MAKE IT ANY PARTICULARLY WORSE. THEN AGAIN...IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THE SERIES TOPPING THIS FIGHT IN THIS ARC AFTER ALL THE BRILLIANT INSANITY WE'VE JUST FINISHED UP THIS TIME AROUND

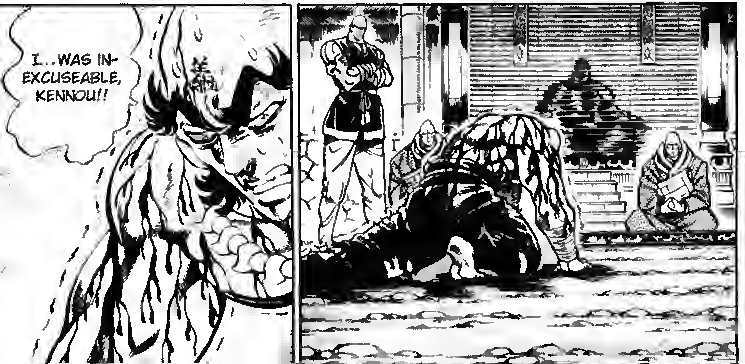
SECT-FOUNDER SHINKEN TEMPLE, WHICH SHOULD BE CALLED THE ORIGIN POINT OF CHINESE KENPOU.
NOTHING HAS CHANGED AT ALL...!!
TIME STOPS FOR THIS PLACE ...!!
EVERYTHING IS LIKE THEN.

CHP. 292: THE MYSTERIOUS UNSUI*!!

謎の雲水(なぞのうんすい)!!の巻

HEY---PHARAOH, CAN'T YOU TAKE OFF THIS COLOR BY PUTTING IN MORE FIGHTING SPIRIT---!!
CHI, WHAT'S WITH HIS SELF-CONFI-DENCE!!
I'M LIKE THAT WHEN I GET A BIT SERI-OUS---!!
KAKKAKA, DID YOU SEE MY TRUE POWER ---!!

E..EVEN THAT GISHOU-SAMA, O..ONE OF THE THREE LEADERS OF SHINKEN TEMPLE, HAS..!!
I...DON'T BELIEVE THIS...!!


I..WAS IN-EXCUSEABLE, KENNOU!!

I APOLOGIZE BY DYING FOR MY CRIME!!
W... WITH THIS BODY.....!!
I WON'T PERMIT IT!!
GI... GISHOU-SAMA---!!
AAH, TH...THAT GISHOU INTENDS TO COMMIT HARA-KIRI----!!

KE-
KENNOU,
WHY...!!
GUKU!!
GUWA
!!
YES!!
Take him and give him treatment.
From here on, you will concentrate on your training much further, Gishou.
Paying with your death is useless!
KENNOU MADE GISHOU LOSE CONSCIOUS BY JUST SHINING HIS EYES!!
WH...WHAT WAS THAT NOW...!?

I CERTAINLY WILL, KENNOU.
THE DISHONORED OF THE DEFEATED JINSHOU AND GISHOU WILL CERTAINLY BE CLEARED BY CHISHOU!!

You should show them your power, the strongest of the Shinken Temple Three Reeds, to your heart's content.
I leave you the rest, Chishou.

!?
WA... WAIT, YOU ---!!

I REALLY CAN'T SEE HIS STYLE FROM HIS APPEARANCE
THE STRONGEST MAN OF THE SHINKEN TEMPLE THREE REEDS...!!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE IS---!!
WHAT ARE YOU---!!
WE'LL THROW YOU OUT WITH FORCE ---!!
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND THAT WE'VE SAID WAIT ---!!
WA... WAIT ---!!
FU, YOU'RE A HUNDRED YEARS EARLY.

GAHA
!!
FUFFUFU: EVEN SHINKEN TEMPLE HAS DEGENERATED.

OUT OF MY WAY!!
HE HAS TREMENDOUS STAFF-JUDGMENT..!! HE TOOK FOUR MEN WITH A BLOW.....!!
WH...WHAT IS HE..!! TH...THAT MAN IS...!?
.....
MY BUSINESS IS ONLY WITH THE KENNOU THERE I'VE COME TO TAKE HIS HEAD!!
FU, I DON'T HAVE BUSINESS WITH ANY OF YOU
TAKE HIM---!! ALL OF US, TAKE HIM---!!
WH... WHAT U...YOU ---!!

TH... THAT PLACE ----!!
OOH!!

WITH MY BUDDHIST POWERS
IT SEEMS I MUST TIDY UP ALL OF YOU SO I CAN TAKE KENNOU'S HEAD.

BUDDHIST POWERS .....!?
IS HE SANE!? AT LEAST THERE'S A HUNDRED OF THEM.
HE'S FACING ALL OF THE TRAINING MONKS OF THIS SHINKEN TEMPLE BY HIMSELF .....!!

TN: THE "CHANT" THAT THE MONK IS CHANTING IS THE BUDDHIST "NINE CUTS MUDRAS", ALSO KNOWN AS "KUJI-IN" OR "NINE SYLLABLES". THOUGH IT IS PART OF A BUDDHIST SPELL, THEY ARE BASED ON THE NINE ORIGINAL TAOIST SYLLABLES AND USUALLY HAS MANY VARIATIONS IN JAPANESE BUDDHISM. IT IS USED AS WELL AS AN EXORCISM-PURIFICATION SPELL.

HUH !!
RETSU !!
WE... WE'RE FALLING ---!!
UOO TH...THE GROUND IS SPLIT-TING---!!

HI!!
GUAA, SA... SAVE ME---- !!
IT'S...A FLOOD---!! WE...WE'RE DROWN-ING---!!
HI...HII, HE...HE'S NOT HUMAN, HE'S A MONSTER ---!!
UOO, N...NOW IT'S WATER ---!!

KATSU!!

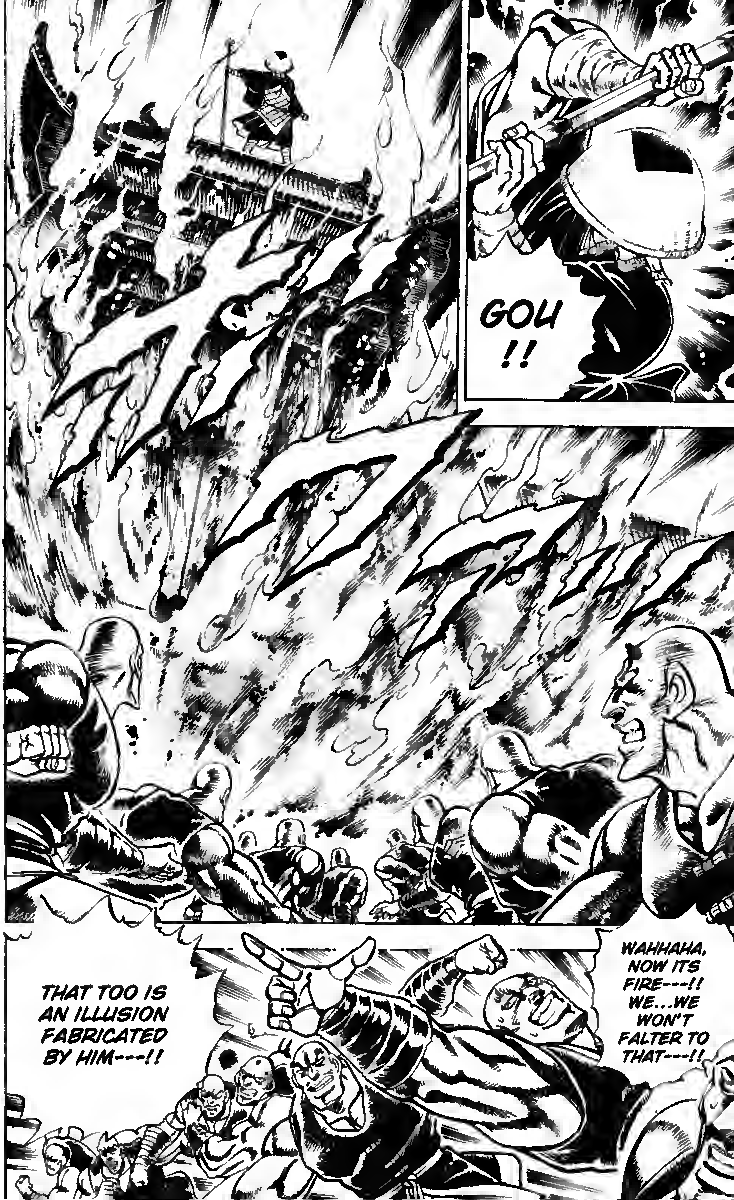
.....!!

TH...THE WATER HAS ..!!
TH.. THAT WAS ...!!

AH...THE STORM HAS SETTLED .....!!
THE GROUND HASN'T SPLIT ..

TH...THAT NOW WAS ENTIRELY A GENJUTSU!?
GE... GEN-JUTSU .....!!
YOU WERE CAUGHT INTO AN INSIGNIFI-CANT GEN-JUTSU!!
HAVE I AWAK-ENED YOU, IDIOTS?
HE...HE MOCKING US.
RI...RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT.

TN: "GENJUTSU" IS JAPANESE FOR "MAGIC" OR "WITCHCRAFT", BUT IT LITERALLY TRANSLATES INTO "PHANTOM TECHNIQUE" AND WILL BE KEPT IN JAPANESE


GOU !!
WAHHAHA. NOW ITS FIRE---!! WE...WE WON'T FALTER TO THAT---!!
THAT TOO IS AN ILLUSION FABRICATED BY HIM---!!

RI...RIGHT NOT HOT AT ALL...!!
TH...THESE FLAMES AREN'T GOING TO BE HOT AT ALL---!!
UO!!
M...MY CLOTHES ARE ON FIRE----!! I...IS THIS AN ILLUSION TOO---!!
UOO!!! TH... THIS CAN'T BE.....
GUWA !!

IT'S... REAL FIRE---!!
GUGYA---!!
THEY CAN'T DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A DREAM AND REALITY!!
FOOLISH MEN.....!!
.....!!

FUFU. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
THE ONE MAN WHO ONCE CALLED GENIUS FOR MASTERING ALL SECRETS TO ALL AND EVERY MILITARY ART, GUNJUTSU AND HEALING ART AT THIS SHINREN TEMPLE!!
HIS NAME IS...!!
WAN TAAREN ----!!

TN:

THIS...WAS A CONFUSING CHAPTER WITH AN EPIC ENDING. OBVIOUSLY THE FACT THAT WAN TAAREN WAS BEHIND THE SIEGE ON SHINKEN TEMPLE AND HAS A MAJOR CONNECTION TO WHAT'S GOING ON CURRENTLY WAS EPIC IN ITSELF. TAAREN DID HINT A BIT AT HIS POWER BEFORE WHEN ASSISTING WITH THE PAAREN SEIHA.. NOT TO MENTION IF EDAJIMA TRUSTS HIM, THEN HE HAS TO BE GOOD.

THE ONLY REAL PROBLEM I HAD WITH THIS CHAPTER THOUGH IS ..WELL, THE GENJUTSU. HAVING EXPERIENCED SEVERAL SHONEN SERIES WHERE GENJUTSU HAS BECOME A HUGE ANNOYANCE THAT JUST MAKES THINGS STUPIDER AND MORE OUTLANDISH AS IF NO ONE CAN SURPASS IT (YOU CAN PROBABLY FIGURE WHAT THOSE ARE), I SORT OF WAS HOPING OTOKOJUKU WOULD AVOID IT AND JUST STICK WITH THE CRAZY STUFF.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, AT LEAST THERE IS SOME REASON AS TO WHY GENJUTSU IS BEING USED ALL OF A SUDDEN. ON ONE HAND: IT'S WAN TAAREN, A MAN EXTREMELY ADEPT AND WELL TRAINED THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND RESPECT. HIM BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE ENOUGH TO USE GENJUTSU ISN'T SURPRISING AS OPPOSED TO, SAY, TORAMARU SUDDENLY BUSTING IT OUT. THE ONLY OTHER REASON I GIVE EXCEPTION TO THE GENJUTSU MATTER IS THAT IT SORT OF WAS DISPLAYED COOL AS THE "POWER OF BUDDHISM"...AND THERE ARE A LOT OF MYSTICAL AND STRANGE ELEMENTS WITHIN EVEN BUDDHISM HAVING BEEN READING A BIT ABOUT IT WITH SOME OTHER MANGA I'VE BEEN TRANSLATING.

SURE IT FEELS STRANGE THAT A RELIGION MORE WELL KNOWN FOR DISATTACHING FROM ONE WORLD AND BECOMING ONE WITH THE UNIVERSE WOULD HAVE MAGIC AND "POWERS" LIKE THIS. BUT EVERY RELIGION HAS MYSTICISM ASSOCIATED WITH IT SO I GUESS WE HAVE TO GO WITH IT. BESIDES, IT'S WAN TAAREN.

TN FROM TITLE PAGE:

I REALLY DON'T KNOW IF I CAN EXPLAIN IT IN CHAPTER, BUT "UNSUI" HERE ISN'T A NAME BUT A TITLE FOR A MONK OF ZEN BUDDHISM, EITHER A NOVICE WHO HAS UNDERTAKEN TRAINING OF ONE AWAITING ACCEPTANCE INTO A MONASTERY. THEY ARE CALLED "UNSUI" BECAUSE THEY MOVE WITHOUT ATTACHMENT LIKE THE FLOATING CLOUD OR FLOWING WATER. TO SOME, AN UNSUI DOESN'T EVEN HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED INTO A MONASTERY AND CAN JUST BE A TERM FOR ANY WANDERING BUDDHIST MONK

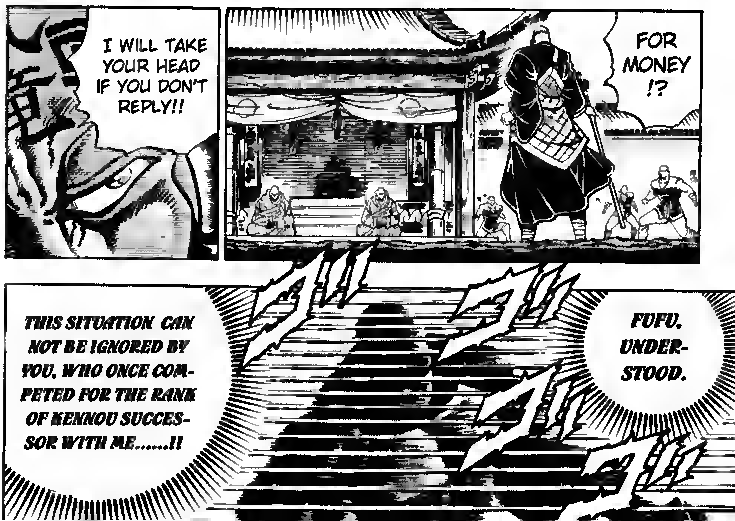
「念」の対決!!の巻
WA...WAN TAAREN---!!
WH...WHY IS WA...WAN TAAREN, THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU AT THIS SHINKEN TEMPLE---!!

「念」の対決!!の巻

CHP. 293: SHOWDOWN OF "THOUGHT"!!!

WON'T HE BE A POWERFUL SUPPORTER WITH HIS GENJUTSU AND TECHNIQUES NOW---!!
YAHOO---!! WE'VE GOT THIS---!! WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS STRENGTH WITH THIS---!!
RI...RIGHT, HE'S COME AS OUR SUPPORTER---!!
WHO SAID THAT I'VE COME TO HELP ALL OF YOU!?
WHAT'S WITH THIS MISUNDERSTANDING, ALL OF YOU?
A PERSONAL QUESTION...!?
AS ONE WHO ONCE WAS PLACED HERE AT SHINKEN TEMPLE, THIS MUST BE ASCERTAINED BY ANY MEANS.
I'VE COME HERE BECAUSE I HAVE A PERSONAL QUESTION...!!

WHY ARE YOU ASSISTING IN THIS "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS"!?
WHY HAS THE SUPREME SHINKEN TEMPLE SOLD THEIR SOULS TO THE DARK ORGANIZATION CALLED THE "DARK TUSKS"!?
ANSWER, KENNOU!


I WILL TAKE YOUR HEAD IF YOU DON'T REPLY!!
FOR MONEY !?
THIS SITUATION CAN NOT BE IGNORED BY YOU, WHO ONCE COMPETED FOR THE RANK OF KENNOU SUCCESSOR WITH ME.....!!
FUFU, UNDERSTOOD.

PLEASE LEAVE IT TO CHISHOU!!
HOLD ON, KENNOU.
AND THIS KENNOU WOULD BE YOUR OPPONENT AS YOU DESIRE!!
BUT I CAN'T ANSWER THIS QUERY!!
.....!!
LIKE THAT DAY 15 YEARS AGO!!
IN THAT CASE, THIS BATTLE WILL BE A MATCH IN GENJUTSU!!
YOU SAID YOU WERE WAN TAAREN.....!! YOUR GENJUTSU EARLIER WAS QUITE A THING.
HOO, YOU'RE A USER OF GENJUTSU TOO?

THIS SIZE WILL DETERMINE WINNER AND LOSER!!
A BATTLE OF THOUGHT AND THOUGHT.
A BATTLE OF GEN-JUTSU ---!!
WH... WHAT ---!!
!?
NUIN!!
HE...HE'S STARTING SOME OTHER AMAZING GEN-JUTSU---!!
OOH---!! WA...WAN TAAREN IS MUTTERING UP SOMETHING THAT'S LIKE A SPELL IN FRONT OF A FIRE---!!

THAT WASN'T A SPELL. I HAD TO COUNT THREE MINUTES UNTIL IT WAS BOILED
ズル"
BECAUSE I CAN'T FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!!
……!!
I RESPECTFULLY OBEY YOUR ORDER!!
DON'T FORGET THAT THIS MAN IS THE MAN WHO THIS KENNOU HAS FACED EVENLY WITH!!
FUFUFU, YOU SHOULD GO AT HIM TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT, CHISHOU.

南無阿
神恩
羅
莎訶波尼
TOU!!

HOO, IT'S...A FURIOUS SNOW-STORM---!!
IT'S...COLD, MY...BODY IS FREEZING---! IT...IT'S LIKE WE'RE AT THE NORTH POLE---!!
TH...THOUGH THIS SHOULD BE AN ILLUSION, WHAT'S WITH THIS COLD---!!
FU, THAT'S YOUR LIMIT!?
AN ENORMOUS THOUGHT ISN'T JUST SENSE, IT HAS AN EFFECT EVEN TO THE PHYSICAL BODY.
THUS, THIS HAS AN EFFECT WHERE YOU WILL FREEZE TO DEATH!!
神威
因陀羅
WHAT'S THAT!?

HUH!!
YOU!!
"YOU" = "SUNSHINE"

KU!!
HO...HOW HAS THIS COME TO THIS: THE SUNKEN EVENING SUN HAS CLIMBED TO THE SUMMIT AGAIN---!!
IT'S...HOT---!! THE...SCORCHING SUN---!! THE SNOWSTORM TECHNIQUE CAN'T BE USED ANYMORE WITH THIS HEAT---!!

縛る羅
南斗乱気刹
NUU, Y...YOU!!
I CAN WARM MY COOLED RAMEN AGAIN!!
レオオ!!!

RAI!!
TN: "RAI" = "LIGHTNING"
N!?
N...NOW IT'S LIGHT-NING---!!

TN "METSU" = "DESTROY"

METSU
I DIDN'T HAVE A PURPOSE OF DEFEATING YOU WITH LIGHTNING.
THAT BAB-BLING ……!!
THERE IS ANOTHER MEANING TO THOSE THUNDER-CLOUDS!!

TN: THERE IS A WEIRD FOLKLORE IN JAPANESE CULTURE THAT THE GODS WHO CAUSE THUNDERSTORMS TAKE BELLYBUTTONS AWAY IN A STORM, THUS WHY PARENTS TELL KIDS TO HIDE THEIR NAVELS WHEN A STORM IS COMING

.....

IT'S A SEVERE RAINFALL LIKE A WATERFALL WHERE YOU CAN'T SEE AN INCH AHEAD -----!!
UWA, N...NOW IT'S HEAVY RAIN---!!

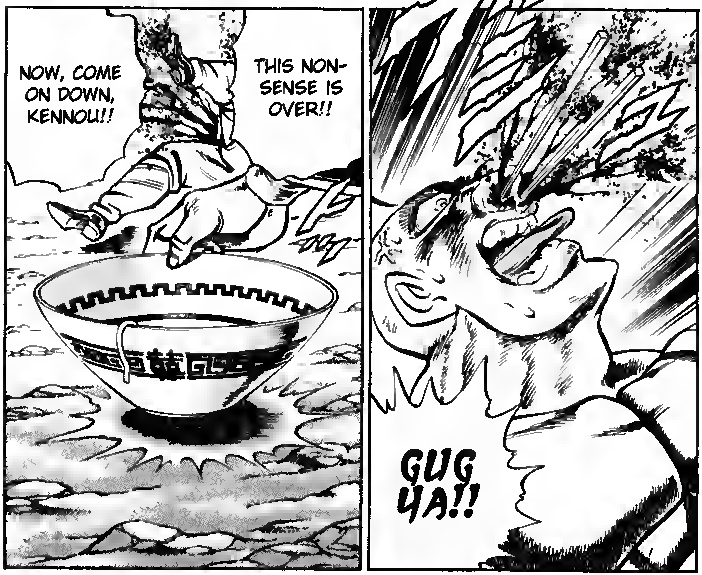
YOU CAN'T EVEN SENSE AN INDICATION WITH THIS SOUND OF RAIN AND COMPLETELY WITHOUT HAVING A FIELD OF VISION WITH THE DOWNPOUR!!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE I AM NOW!?
FUFU, IS THIS A SITUATION TO WORRY ABOUT THE RAMEN!!
!!
CAUSING THOSE THUNDERCLOUDS AND CONDUCTING THE DOWNPOUR WAS FOR THIS!!
!!
NUU!!
AS HE SAID: HE COMPLETELY DOESN'T KNOW FROM WHERE HE'LL ATTACK WITH THIS.
THIS IS BAD!!

GAHA !!
I'VE GOT YOU, WAN TAAREN ---!!
A"
HE... KILLED WAN TAAREN ---!!
WA... WAN TAAREN ---!!

PLEASE HAND OVER THE HEAD YOU POSSESS!!
SPLENDID, CHI-SHOU!!
I WILL CONFIRM IT WITH MY EYES!!
YOU SEEMED TO HAVE MADE LIGHT OF MY POWER.
FU, THIS ISN'T A WORLD OF ILLUSION, IT'S A REALITY WHERE YOU'RE NOT THE FAVORITE.
AS YOU WISH.
HERE YOU GO.
TH... THAT WAN TAAREN HAS ...
WH.. WHAT HAS THIS COME TO...

WH... WHAT ---!!
TH..THE HEAD I TOOK OFF WAS!?
.....
TH... THAT'S .....!?

I...I...I... I'VE BEEN FIGHTING AN ILLUSION ...../!?
YOU NEED MORE TRAINING!!
I'VE JUST BEEN EATING MY RAMEN WITHOUT MOVING EVEN A STEP FROM THIS PLACE LIKE THIS FROM THE START.
IN OTHER WORDS: YOU HAVE BEEN FIGHTING WITH AN ILLUSION OF ME WITHIN A WORLD OF ILLUSION I PRODUCED!!
THIS IS ACTUAL REALITY, CHISHOU.


NOW, COME ON DOWN, KENNOU!!
THIS NONSENSE IS OVER!!
GUGYA!!

TN:

AND THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE GENJUTSU. ALRIGHT...LET ME BACK UP: THE CHAPTER WAS AWESOME IN SEEING THE SHOWDOWN OF CHISHOU AND TAAREN, MOSTLY BECAUSE OF TAAREN CRUSHING HIM WHILE NOT MAKING A MOVE FROM EATING HIS BOWL OF RAMEN. ANY HERO CHARACTER WHO KICKS THAT MUCH WHILE EATING RAMEN CALMLY HAS TO BE ADMIRED BY THE INSANE STANDARDS OF ..WELL, THIS SERIES.

BUT. ONCE AGAIN, I HAVE TO COMMENT ON MY DISPLEASURE ON THE WHOLE "GENJUTSU" THING. I SORT OF GET HOW IT WORKS HERE WITH THE WHOLE CONCEPT BEING "FORCING YOUR WILL ON SOMEONE ELSE AND THUS USING THAT WILL TO GET A REACTION THAT ENDS UP FORCING THEM TO FEEL WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO FEEL THROUGH YOUR THOUGHTS".

BUT THE WHOLE WAY WHERE WE HAVE ALL THE STUDENTS FEELING THE SAME FEELINGS CHISHOU AND TAAREN THROW OUT LEADING TO EVEN THEM GETTING BAMBOOZLED BY HIS "DEATH" EVEN WHILE HE WAS JUST SITTING THERE. I SHOULD SAY IT'S COOL BUT IT'S JUST CONFUSING ENOUGH. I HAVE TO GIVE THE "GENJUTSU" STUFF A PASS BECAUSE IT IS OTOKOJUKU AND SO CLOSE TO THE END AND TAAREN. BUT AS COOL AS THEY DO IT, IT STILL JUST BOGGLES THE MIND REGARDLESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW EXACTLY TAAREN IS CONNECTED TO SHINKEN TEMPLE AND THE KENNOU.

CH...CHISHOU, SAID AS THE STRONGEST OF THE SHINKEN TEMPLE THREE REEDS, HAS SIMPLY LIKE THAT.....!!
IT...WAS LIKE THE BATTLE OF A CHILD AND ADULT.....!!
HE MAY BE THE EQUIVALENT... NO, STRONGER THAN PRINCIPAL EDAJIMA!!
FU, HE'S TRULY STRONG.
真の継承者!!の巻

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WELL, SHOW YOURSELF, KENNOU!!
WAN TAAREN WILL TAKE YOUR HEAD!!
CHP. 294: THE TRUE SUCCESSOR!!

YOU'RE STRONGER THAN WHEN YOU WERE AT THIS SHINKEN TEMPLE AND YOUR SKILLS HAVE GONE UP.
FU, YOU'RE AS SKILLED AS EVER, WAN .....!!

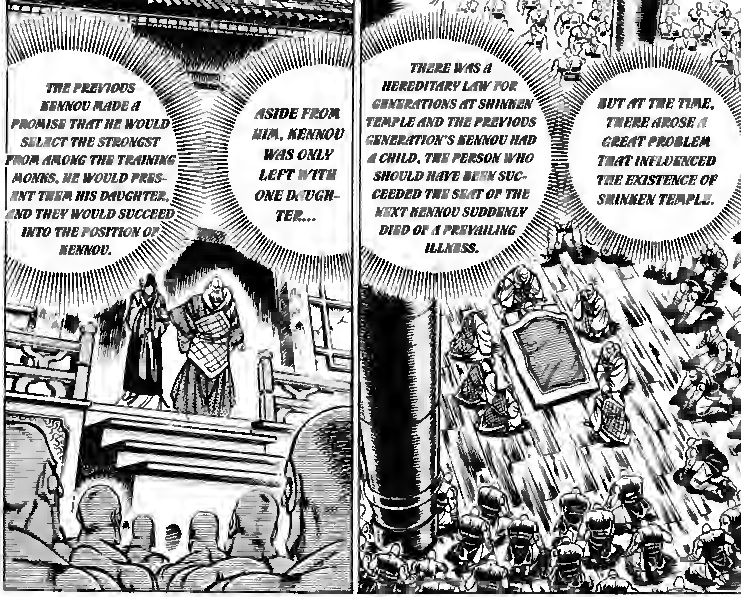
YOU HAVE INTEGRITY...!! WHEN YOU'VE HEARD THAT SHINKEN TEMPLE LOANED THEIR POWER TO THE "DARK TUSKS", YOU COULD NOT IGNORE IT.
I KNOW THAT YOU'LL COME.

YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT SHUNRAN!!

I KNOW THERE IS ANOTHER REASON .....!!
BUT THAT ISN'T JUST ALL.

WHO IS THAT...!?
AH~~~!! SHUN-RAN~~!?
FU, IT SEEMS THAT IS A BULLS-EYE.
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW!? THEN I WILL TELL YOU!!

WAN AND I WERE TRAINING MONKS AT THIS SHINKEN TEMPLE, THE HEADQUARTERS OF CHINESE KENPOU AND ENDEAVORED IN TRAINING TO MASTER THEIR SECRETS DAY AND NIGHT.
IT WAS 15 YEARS AGO..... I HADN'T TAKEN THE THRONE OF KENNOU YET.

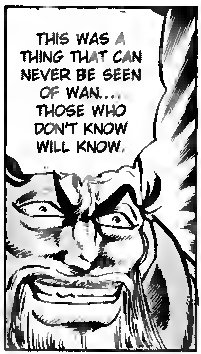

THE PREVIOUS KENNOU MADE A PROMISE THAT HE WOULD SELECT THE STRONGST FROM AMONG THE TRAINING MONKS, HE WOULD PRESENT THEM HIS DAUGHTER, AND THEY WOULD SUCCEED INTO THE POSITION OF KENNOU.
ASIDE FROM HIM, KENNOU WAS ONLY LEFT WITH ONE DAUGHTER...
THERE WAS A HEREDITARY LAW FOR GENERATIONS AT SHINNEN TEMPLE AND THE PREVIOUS GENERATION'S KENNOU HAD A CHILD. THE PERSON WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUCCEEDED THE SEAT OF THE NEXT KENNOU SUDDENLY DIED OF A PREVAILING ILLNESS.
BUT AT THE TIME, THERE AROSE A GREAT PROBLEM THAT INFLUENCED THE EXISTENCE OF SHINNEN TEMPLE.

IT WAS NATURAL THAT ALL OF THE TRAINING MONKS DESIRED THIS .....
HER BEAUTY WAS ONE THAT JUST MADE EYES BECOME DIZZY.
HER NAME IS SHUMRAN!!

THE MATCH WAS A ROUND-ROBIN MATCH OF THE THOUSAND TRAINING MONKS...!!
AND SO A BATTLE UNSPEAKABLE TO THE IMAGINATION WHICH DISPUTED FOR HIS DAUGHTER AND THE POSITION OF BENNOU, THE TOP OF CHINESE BENPOU, DEVELOPED.
IT WAS SURELY A DEADLY STRUGGLE WHERE YOU WASH BLOOD WITH BLOOD.....
WE PLACED A TIME FOR THE DUEL: THE MORNING OF THE 3RD DAY.
THOSE WHO WON AND ADVANCED IN THE END WERE WAN AND MYSELF.

HAVING THIS SAID FROM THE MOUTH OF THE KENNOU HIM-SELF IS TOO CRUEL.
FUOHHOHO, KENNOU. LET ME TELL THE REST OF THIS STORY.

THIS WAS THE NIGHT OF THE DAY BEFORE THE FINAL MATCH TO CHOOSE THE BRIDEGROOM!!


THIS WAS A THING THAT CAN NEVER BE SEEN OF WAN... THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW WILL KNOW.

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HOHO

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GOGOGOGO
I MUST EAT THIS WITH SPIT AND GET SPIRIT.
TOMOR-ROW IS FINALLY THE DUEL.
TN: YEAH, TAAREN DOES LITERALLY SAY "EAT THIS WITH SPIT" WHICH IS "TAN TO KUU"

WI..WITHOUT YOU, I CAN'T LIVE.....!!
WI..WIN THIS FOR CERTAIN.. ..!!

THOSE TWO WERE ALREADY IN A RELATIONSHIP.
KENNOU AND SHUNRAN-SAMA...
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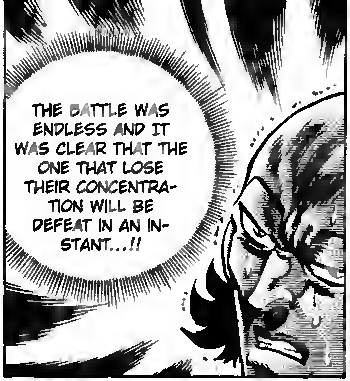
AND THEN, THE DESTINED MORNING CAME!!
KENNOU, WAN.....
EVEN AFTER HEARING THE SIGNAL FOR THE START OF THE MATCH, THEY WEREN'T MOVING, GAZING AT THEIR OPPONENT'S EYES
NO, THEY CAN NOT MOVING!!


THE BATTLE WAS ENDLESS AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE ONE THAT LOSE THEIR CONCENTRATION WILL BE DEFEAT IN AN INSTANT...!!

THEY COULDN'T FIND AN OPENING IN THEIR OPPONENT.
BOTH THEIR POWER AND SPIRIT WERE EQUAL!!

THE ONE WHO MOVED FIRST WOULD LOSE!!
AS SUCH, JUST TIME ELAPSED.

THOSE WHO WERE WATCHING THIS WERE ALREADY REACHING THEIR LIMITS DUE TO THE MAXIMUM FEELING OF TENSION AND FATIGUE.
THEY REACHED A THIRD DAY.

THEY REACHED A SECOND DAY...

WHEN THEY REACHED THE MORNING OF THE 4TH DAY, WAN, WHO WAS IN AN ABYSS OF A HAZY CONSCIOUS, SAW.....!!
AND THEN,
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AS SUCH, EVEN THE LIFE OF SHUNRAN-SAMA WAS UNCERTAIN...!!
IT WAS THE FORM OF SHUNRAN-SAMA, WHO TIED HER BODY WHICH WAS MARKED OFF WITH GREAT GRIEF IN SHADOW OF THE MAIN TEMPLE TO A PILLAR AND DESPERATELY WISHING FOR KENNOU'S VICTORY!!
WAN UNDERSTOOD THE DEEPNESS OF HER LOVE TO KENNOU!!

I'VE GOT YOU, WAN!!
WAN WISHED FOR THE HAPPINESS OF ONE WOMAN WITH HIS OWN BODY!!
UO---!!
WITH THAT, THE MATCH WAS DECIDED!!
WAN UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF SHUNRAN-SAMA!!

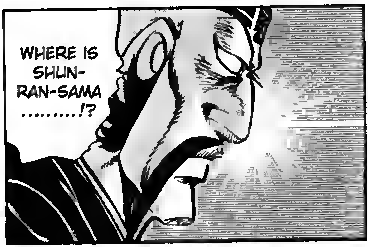
I...IT'S FINE WITH THIS. WITH THIS.....
FUOHHOHO, WELL DO YOU UNDERSTAND!?
THAT IS THE REASON WAN LEFT SHINKEN TEMPLE!!

I..HADN'T KNOWN.....!! WAN TAAREN HAD THAT PAST...!!
TH...THAT WAN TAAREN .....
.....!!

EVEN IF YOU LOVE HER, DID YOU THINK SHUNRAN-SAMA WOULD LOVE A RUSTIC LIKE YOU----!!
KUKKUKU: THAT TOO YOU WERE NO MATCH FOR.

THE POSITION OF KENNOU, THE HIGHEST RANK OF CHINESE KENPOU, WAS SACRIFICED DUE TO THAT WOMAN!!
FU, BUT YOU TOO ARE A FOOLISH MAN.

I'LL TELL YOU: SHUN-RAN-SAMA IS---!!
WAHHAHA, YOU'RE WORRIED AFTER ALL---!!


WHERE IS SHUN-RAN-SAMA .....!?

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KENNOU
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TH...
THAT'S
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KE...
KENNOU
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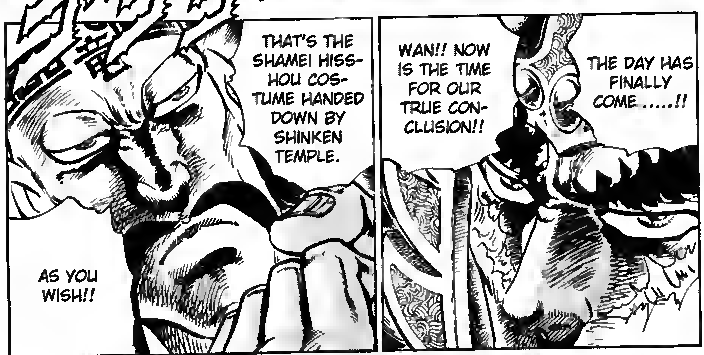
AND YOU ARE A MAN WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND A PERSON'S FEELINGS!!
YOUR MOUTH IS TOO LIGHT.
GUA!!


THAT'S THE SHAMEI HISSHOU COSTUME HANDED DOWN BY SHINKEN TEMPLE.
AS YOU WISH!!
WAN!! NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR TRUE CONCLUSION!!
THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME.....!!

TN "SHAMEI HISSOU" IS "ABANDON YOUR LIFE FOR A CERTAIN VICTORY", THE FIRST WORD REALLY WAS UNTRANSLATABLE SO THAT'S WHY I ENDED UP KEEPING IN JAPANESE THE FULL NAME IS "SHAMEI HISSHOU NO SHOUZOKU"

TN:

NOW THAT WAS SAD.

AFTER SOME OF THE DISSAPPOINTING STUFF WITH THE WHOLE GENJUTSU BATTLE STYLE TAAREN SHOWED THE LAST COUPLE CHAPTERS, THIS CHAPTER MAKES UP FOR IT BIG TIME BY EXPLAINING THE WHOLE SITUATION IN WHY HE AND THE CURRENT KENNOU ARE IN THE SITUATIONS THEY ARE IN THE POSITIONS THEY ARE AT THIS TIME.

THEN AGAIN, THE SADDEST PART IS THAT WE REALLY DON'T KNOW IF TAAREN WAS REALLY STRONG ENOUGH TO BE KENNOU OF SHINKEN TEMPLE AT THIS POINT, BUT SEEING HIM UNAWARINGLY THROWING THE MATCH TO GIVE KENNOU BOTH SHUNRAN AND THE TEMPLE.

BUT THEN AGAIN, IF HE DID WIN THAT MATCH, HE WOULD HAVE ENDED UP WITH HER..BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED BOTH TO HER AND KENNOU, SO MAYBE IT WAS FOR THE BETTER BESIDES...TAAREN JUST FEELS MORE AT HOME AS AN ALLY OF EDAJIMA THAN THIS KENNOU WHO SEEMS MORE LIKE A WEIRD HOMAGE TO HOKUTO NO KEN. (THOUGH NO ONE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO BE AS YOUNG AS HE IS WITH HOW OLD HE APPEARED PRIOR AND WITH HOW LONG HE SEEMS LIKE HE'S BEEN ALLIED WITH OTOKOJUKU AND EDAJIMA ..BUT I GUESS IT'S JUST HE AGED QUICKLY OR SOMETHING) THEN AGAIN....SOMEHOW IT'S A MIRACLE WHENEVER MIYASHITA ACTUALLY DRAWS A FEMALE ..AND NOT A MAN IN DRAG...OR OUR RECENT "WOMAN WHO LOOKSLIKE A MAN".

UH!!
GUGU!!
神拳寺 二つの秘奥義!!
CHP.295: SHINKEN TEMPLE: THE TWO SECRET OUGI!!
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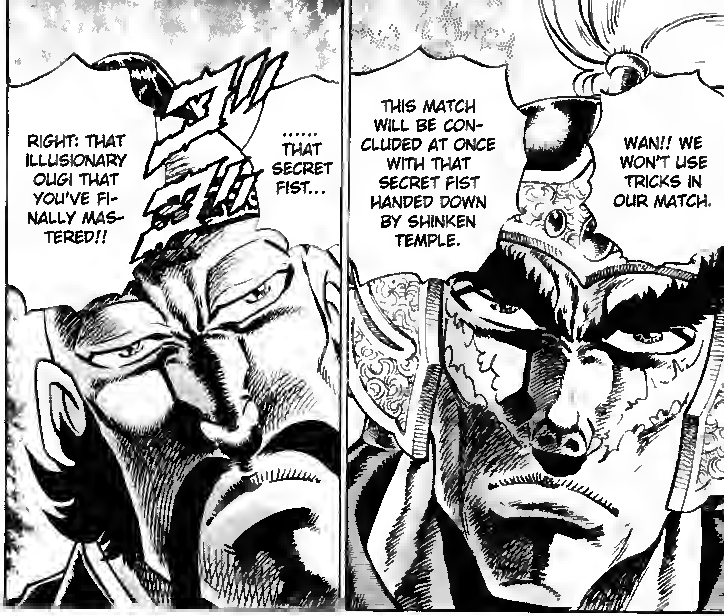
WAN!! WE WON'T USE TRICKS IN OUR MATCH.
THIS MATCH WILL BE CONCLUDED AT ONCE WITH THAT SECRET FIST HANDED DOWN BY SHINKEN TEMPLE.
.....THAT SECRET FIST...
RIGHT: THAT ILLUSIONARY OUGI THAT YOU'VE FINALLY MASTERED!!

AN...ILLUSIONARY OUGI HANDED DOWN BY SHINKEN TEMPLE...!?
HE'S SUDDENLY GOING TO END IT WITH THIS!!

I DIDN'T MASTER IT RECENTLY.
I ALREADY HAD MASTERED IT LONG TIME AGO...!!

THE PREVIOUS KENNOU APPOINTED STRANGE TRAINING TO US TWO, WHO HAD FINISHED ALL OF OUR BASIC TRAINING.
IT WAS THE 10TH YEAR SINCE WE HAD ENTERED THIS SHINKEN TEMPLE...!!
REMEMBER ABOUT THAT DAY!!
I WAS JUST BRANDISHING THE SAME RICE SACK LIKE I WAS DRAWING AN ARC.....!!
YOU HAD LIFTED OVER YOUR HEAD A RICE SACK THAT WAS PACKED WITH IRON SAND AND JUST ROTATING IT.....!!

IT'S ALREADY BEEN OVER THREE YEARS SINCE WE STARTED THIS.
HEY WAN, ARE WE GOING TO CONTINUE WITH THIS TRAINING FOREVER!?
DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER.
DAY AFTER DAY IT'S JUST THIS ....WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
DO THOSE THINGS ACTUALLY EXIST?
WHAT EXACTLY ARE THOSE TWO SECRET OUGI.....
BUT KENNOU'S STORY SAID IT'S A THING FOR RESPECTIVELY MASTERING THE TWO SECRET OUGI HANDED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS AT SHINKEN TEMPLE.....
WELL, SOMEHOW I'VE COME TO NOT BELIEVE IN IT.

WE HAD CONVEYED OUR BUSINESS AND WHEN WE WERE HURRYING ON THE RETURN TRIP, THE SUN HAD ALREADY SET LONG AGO AND IT WAS BECOMING NIGHT.
THEN ONE DAY, WE WENT OUT TO BE USED AS MESSENGERS BY KENNOU'S COMMAND TO THE TEMPLE BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN.
N!?
WAIT, WAN!!
TH...THERE'S SOMETHING HERE IN THE BAMBOO GROVE.....!!
DON'T YOU FEEL IT, THAT BLOOD-THIRST!!
WH.. WHAT'S THAT!!
BAN-DITS!?
!!

WH... WHAT----!!
TI... TIGERS .....!!
GIANT MAN-EATING TIGERS THAT ARE SAID TO INFEST THIS MOUNTAIN RECENTLY-----!!
WE...WE HAVE TO RUN..!! THEY'RE REALLY NOT OPPONENTS WE CAN MATCH.
THE TWO OF US WILL SPLIT AND GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!!

UOO!!
I RAN!!
BUT I ENDED UP CORNERED TO A STEEP WALL OF ROCK!!
THERE WERE EMO-TIONS I WAS LOST IN...

I WAS PREPARED TO DIE.
I UNCONSCIOUSLY...!!
GAWAWAA----!!
BUT AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE TIGER BARED ITS FANGS AND ATTACKED!!

I WAS ENLIGHTENED...!! AT THAT MOMENT WHERE I WAS CORNERED TO THE LIMIT...!!
THAT SECRET OUGI HANDED DOWN BY SHINKEN TEMPLE WAS..!!
FU, THERE'S NO NEED TO EXPLAIN.
NOW I WILL SHOW YOU THE SECRET FIST!!
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TAKE THIS ---!!

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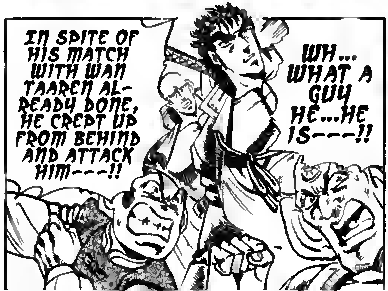
CAN CHISHOU SILENTLY TAKE THAT DISGRACE AND CAVE IN----!!
WAH-HAHA, HAVE YOU REALIZED ---!!

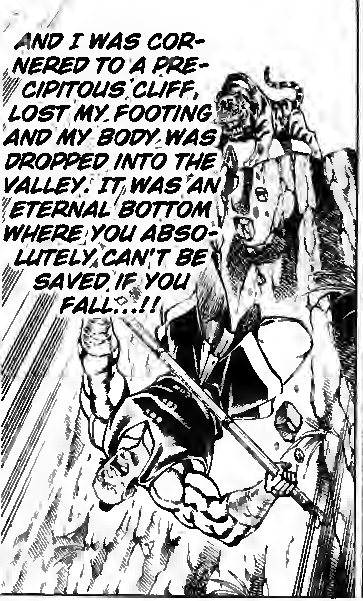

IN SPITE OF HIS MATCH WITH WAN TAAREN ALREADY DONE, HE CREPT UP FROM BEHIND AND ATTACK HIM---!!
WH... WHAT A GUY HE...HE IS---!!

PL...PLEASE, KENNOU. LET ME HAVE A MATCH WITH THAT GUY ONE MORE TIME!!
EA... EARLIER I WAS JUST UNPREPARED!!
YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND, CHI SHOU.....!!
YOUR CRIME OF DISHONORING A MATCH BETWEEN MAN MUST BE REDEEMED WITH YOUR DEATH!!
HUH!?
HAAA---!!
IT...CAN'T BE, TH... THAT STANCE IS...!! KE... KENNOU---!!

THIS IS SHINKENJI HIKEN: SHOURYUU TENKAIREKI!!
"SHINKENJI HIKEN"=SECRET FIST OF SHINKEN TEMPLE "SHOURYUU TENKAIREKI"=RISING DRAGON UNEXPECTED-HEAVEN'S LIGHTNING"
UOOO ---!!

WH... WHAT A...TOR NADO ----!!
A...GIANT TORNADO IS WHIRLING UP CHISHOU'S BODY INTO THE SKY ---!!
GUG YAA ---!

KENNOU...!! YOU FORGOT ONE IMPORTANT THING.
THERE ISN'T A WAY TO ESCAPE FROM THIS SECRET FIST!!
WAN!! NEXT IS YOUR TURN!!


AND I WAS CORNERED TO A PRECIPITOUS CLIFF, LOST MY FOOTING AND MY BODY WAS DROPPED INTO THE VALLEY. IT WAS AN ETERNAL BOTTOM WHERE YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T BE SAVED IF YOU FALL...!!

I TOO WAS CHASED BY A TIGER THAT DAY.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S STRANGE!?
I AM NOW ALIVE.

FU, HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT AT THIS LATE POINT?

I WILL END THIS MATCH WITH THIS BLOW ----!!

NUGU!!
WA... WAN TAAREN ---!!
WA...WAN TAAREN IS BEING SWALLOWED IN THE TORNADO AND ROLLED UP INTO IT---!!
WHAT REMAINS IS JUST TO CRUSH TO THE GROUND...
MY DESTINED SHOWDOWN WITH YOUR ENDS WITH THIS!!

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WA...WAN TAAREN HASN'T FALLEN TO THE GROUND .....!!
WH... WHAT, THAT'S STRANGE .....!!
TH...THAT'S STUPID ....!!
L...LOOK!! THAT'S ... ...!!
TH... THAT'S, IT...CAN'T BE!!
UO---!! WH... WHAT IS THAT ---!?

THIS IS SHINKEN TEMPLE'S OTHER SECRET OUGI: KOURYUU TENRINHEKI!!
JUST LIKE YOU, I TOO MASTERED IT ON THAT DAY!!
PREPARE YOURSELF, KENNOU!!

 TN: "KOURYUU TENRINHEKI" = "DESCENDING-DRAGON HEAVEN-CONFRONTING THUNDER"

TN:

SO THEN . WELL, TAAREN'S HELICOPTER ATTACK WAS AWESOME, THAT I CAN'T LIE ABOUT. THE WAY HE WAS ABLE TO USE HIS STAFF AND FLOAT AROUND WAS A NEAT TECHNIQUE REALLY WORTHY OF HIS CHARACTER.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND.. WHY THE HECK WAS KENNOU GIVEN WHAT SEEMED LIKE A VARIATION OF JAKI'S ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE? YEAH, HIS WAS MERELY WIND CURRENTS WHILE KENNOU USES A TORNADO, BUT I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT SEE THE OBVIOUS SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM WHEN I SEE THAT MASSIVE WIND SWEEPING HIM HIGH INTO THE SKY. SURE IT DOESN'T OBLITERATE YOU INSTANTLY LIKE JAKI'S DID ..BUT THEN AGAIN NO ONE IN THIS SERIES CAN EVER REPLACE JAKI.

ASIDE FROM THAT, WAS IT JUST ME OR WAS JUST SKIPPING TO THE "FINAL ATTACK" AFTER FINALLY MEETING WITH KENNOU AFTER ALL THIS TIME SEEM A TAD ABRUPT? IT FEELS LIKE THAT AS LONG AS THIS HAS BEEN, THIS CONFRONTATION OF TAAREN AND KENNOU COULD HAVE BEEN WAY LONGER.. BUT HEY, THE SERIES IS STARTING TO APPROACH CRITICAL SO AT LEAST WE GET THIS

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CHP. 296: CHANCE FOR VICTORY!!
HE'S... FLYING ---!!
HE...HE'S PUT SOME PROPELLER-LIKE THING ON THE TIP OF HIS STAFF AND FLOATING IN THE AIR WHILE ROTATING IT WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE ----!!

TO MASTER THIS, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE, OF COURSE, THE WRIST POWER TO ROTATE A STAFF OR KON THAT IS ENDOWED WITH WING-SHAPED FIGURES ON BOTH ENDS AND A SENSE OF EQUILIBRIUM THAT TOWERS OVER THE REST. INCIDENTALLY, REGRETTABLY THERE IS A TRUTH THAT ISN'T THAT WELL KNOWN THAT THE HELICOPTERS OF THE PRESENT HAVE THEIR SOURCE OF THEIR NAME FROM HEIRI KOFU, SAID TO LIVE IN THE APOREMENTIONED MT. KINTO. FURTHERMORE, DEAR FRIENDS, BE STRICTLY CAUTIOUS TO NOT HAVE PARTICULARLY INFANT CHILDREN BRANDISH A PIECE OF WOOD ON THE ROAD, AS THEY EARNESTLY HAVEN'T MASTERED THIS OUGI.

KOURYUU TENRINHEKI... SINCE ANTIQUITY TO MODERN TIMES, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY LEGENDS OF BIRD-MEN SPEAKING OF PEOPLE WHO FLY IN THE AIR IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, BUT A FAMOUS ONE ARE HERMITS SAID TO LIVE IN MT. KINTO IN CHINA. ORIGINALLY, "KOURYUU" (DESCENDING-DRAGON) HAD A MEANING OF A HERMIT WHOSE FORM APPEARS DESCENDING FROM THE MOUNTAIN TO THE EARTH TO FACE THE MASSES ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE REALITY OF CHANGING IT INTO THE INCARNATION OF A KENPOU IS THIS KOURYUU TENRINHEKI, THE GREATEST OUGI IN THE HISTORY OF CHINESE KENPOU.

- A DISCUSSION WITH TAKENOMOTO HIDEJI, ASSISTANT MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR OF THE JAPAN AKEBOUSHI HOURAI MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATION

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I...DON'T BELIEVE THIS.....!!
TH...THAT THING IS.....!!
THAT IS SHINKEN TEMPLE'S OTHER SECRET OUGI: KOURYUU TENRIN-HEKI..!!
.....!!
THE FORMER KENNOU SAW THROUGH US. WE WERE DESTINED TO MUST FIGHT LIKE THIS SOMEDAY!!
THEREFORE, HE INITIATED TO ONE EACH OF THE RESPEC-TIVE SECRET OUGI TO THE TWO OF US.

UNDERSTOOD... BUT YOUR OUGI HAS YOU RUN INTO THE SKY AND JUST PROTECT YOUR BODY.
ULTIMATELY, YOU TOO ARE GOING TO DIE LIKE CHISHOU.
HOW WILL THAT BE?
I'VE PECULIARLY ADDED MODIFICATIONS TO THIS OUGI!!
!!

HU!!
HUH!?

WELL, HAVE YOU REALIZED IT, KENNOU!! THE WINGS ATTACHED TO THE TIPS OF THIS STAFF HAVE BECOME BLADES!!
UO !!
AND THE ROTATIONAL POWER OF FLIGHT WILL BRING FORTH A TREMENDOUS CUTTING FEELING TO YOUR BODY!!
Y...YOU.....!!

UGU!!
OOH, AMAZING, WAN TAAREN!!
IT'S A NOSE-DIVE ATTACK THAT CAN'T BE SEEN BY THE EYE AT A SPEED LIKE A SWALLOW ---!!
LOOK AT THAT BLIGHT: TH...THAT KENNOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WHILE HAVING HIS BODY MINCED UP---!!
THE FATAL BLIND-SPOT OF THE OUGI HAS ALREADY BEEN SEEN THROUGH!!
BUT I CAN'T BE DEFEATED WITH THAT STANDARD.
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SHINKENJI HIOUGI: SHOURYUU TENKAIREKI !!
NU!!

YOU FOOL!! DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND YET?
I HAVE PROVEN ALREADY THAT THIS OUGI CAN'T BE USED ON ME!!
FU.....
I'VE DEFEATED KOURYUU TENRIN-HEKI!!!

WH...WHAT---!! WHAT IS HE THINKING!! TH...THAT KENNOU, HE'S THROWING HIS BODY INTO THE TORNADO---!!
KENNOU IS CHASING YOU FROM BELOW ---!!
WA... WATCH OUT, WAN TAAREN ---!!
!?

YES, AN ATTACK FROM OVERHEAD!! THIS IS THE ONLY BLIND-SPOT TO YOUR OUGI---!!
I'VE GOT YOU, WAN!!
UH!!
Y...YOU!!

MUOO---!!
WA...WAN TAA-REN----!!
UGA!!

EVEN IF YOU CAN GET UP SOMEHOW, NOW YOU CAN'T FIGHT WITH THAT BODY.
IT'S ALL OVER WITH THIS.

I'M SPARING YOUR LIFE AS A COMPANION WHOM I SHARED PLEASURE AND PAIN WITH IN MY TRAINING DAYS.
LEAVE THIS TEMPLE.

NUGU GU!!

TH...THIS WILL ONLY BE BROUGHT TO CONCLUSION WITH WHICH-EVER OF US DIES..!!
TH...THIS MATCH OF YOU AND I...!!
HAVE... YOU GONE OLD, KENNOU .....!!
NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.
.....!!
IF YOU ARE WISHING FOR THAT..!!

I...ASK OF YOU....FOR EDAJIMA-DONO ....!!
AL...ALL OF YOU .....
WA...WAN TAAREN...!!
DIE, WAN!!

NUGU !!
WA... WAN TAA-REN ---!!
N...NO, THIS TIME HE'LL BE KILLED FOR CERTAIN ---!!
THIS IS THE ONLY COMFORT I CAN GIVE TO YOU!!
THE FINISHER WILL BE KENNOU'S OWN FIST!!

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IT'S ..SOME-ONE THAT'S ALREADY DEAD FOR A WHILE .....!!
WH...WHAT!! IT'S... WRONG...!! TH. .THIS TEMPERA-TURE...!!
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I'VE CAUGHT YOU, KENNOU!!
TH... THAT'S THE BODY OF CHISHOU !!

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NOW THIS WAS A FUN CHAPTER FILLED WITH INSANE AND WEIRD ACTION. SURE I STILL COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW SIMILAR KENNOU'S "ULTIMATE SECRET" IS SIMILAR TO JAKI'S SENPUUSHOU TECHNIQUE, BUT THE WAY IT WAS USED AND DEFFEATED ULTIMATELY BY WAN TAAREN WAS WHAT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. BESIDES, THE FACTOR OF THE HELICOPTER STYLE IS JUST MORE CRAZY BUSINESS AS USUAL IN OTOKOJUKU IN MAKING A BIZARRE TECHNIQUE OUT OF SOMETHING AS MUNDANE AS A HELICOPTER...THE SORT OF STUFF THAT HAS MADE ME LOVE THIS SERIES FOR SO LONG.

BUT. .IT DOES FEEL WEIRD THAT THE TAAREN/KENNOU FIGHT IS OVER WHEN IT'S JUST BEEN CONTRASTING FINAL ATTACKS. .BUT AS I SAID BEFORE THE SERIES WAS STARTING TO REACH A POINT OF NO RETURN AND I GUESS MIYASHITA WANTED TO SHOW WAN TAAREN OFF ONCE BEFORE IT WAS ALL OVER.

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